



S. Little
4-10-00

Attorney Docket No. MP/87C

#10/R

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Campbell et al.)
Serial No. 09/252,322)
Filed: February 18, 1999)
For: BALLOON CATHETER DEVICE)

Group Art Unit: 3762
Examiner: Cheney, K.

[Signature]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on March 24, 2000.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Melanee Williams
Melanee Williams
3/24/00
(date of mailing document)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the official action of November 24, 1999 for the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 63-69.

RECEIVED
APR - 6 2000
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3100

REMARKS

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Presently, claims 1-69 are pending in the application. Claims 63-69 have been restricted out of the application and are now canceled without prejudice.

A petition with the necessary fee for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith.

I. APPLICANTS' INVENTION

The present invention relates to a catheter balloon comprised of a composite of porous PTFE and an elastomer. The balloon simultaneously offers high strength (able to withstand inflation to high pressures) with the behavior of a elastic, low pressure latex balloon in that it does not require folding around the catheter shaft for insertion at a minimum diameter (as do